
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – April 25, 2022

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

6:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas J. O'Loughlin and Select Board members Michael K. Walsh and Paul A. Mazzuchelli and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. Mr. O'Loughlin opened the meeting for re-organizational purposes. He then turned the meeting over to the Town Administrator for the ratification of the election of a new Chairman. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint Thomas J. O'Loughlin as Chairman, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of April 11, 2022 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Invitation to Speak – Kelly Boccia of 11 Bandy Lane said she was speaking on behalf of herself and Bernice Parker of Bandy Lane. They are concerned regarding the number of people who might attend the proposed carnival at the High School relative to crowd control. If the carnival is approved, she asked the Board to close off Bandy Lane to everyone except residents of Bandy Lane. She also asked the Board to limit the use of the High School for a carnival to this one-time event. She is also concerned about noise from generators used by carnival employees housed on site. She expressed to the Board that she does not believe the High School is an appropriate site for a carnival. Gary Lucier of 23 West Fountain Street said the High School is not an appropriate location for a carnival. He is also concerned about noise from generators used on the site.
5. The Board met with the Town Administrator to discuss additional ARPA contributions. He advised the Board that Finance Director Zach Taylor is requesting the Board vote to declare the total ARPA federal award of \$8,698,487.70 as lost revenue. His request is based upon the fact that the final ARPA ruling allows communities to declare up to \$10 million as lost revenue without having to calculate the per year loss. This is a one-time declaration that must be voted by the end of April 2022. This vote will cover the already authorized projects – total obligated to date = \$4,770,600 and this vote greatly reduces reporting requirements and is recommended by the Town's auditor. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To declare the total ARPA federal award of \$8,698,487.70 as lost revenue.

UNANIMOUS. The Board discussed additional ARPA funds for the Milford Geriatric Authority. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To authorize the transfer of \$250,000 of ARPA funding to the Geriatric Authority. Said amount to fall under lost revenue as previously voted. UNANIMOUS. David Condrey, Water Department Manager was present to request ARPA funds for improvements for the Echo Lake Dam. The total cost is \$1,300,000.00 which includes engineering costs of \$185,000.00, construction costs of \$1,115,000.00 and a 30% contingency. The repairs are to prevent damage from over tipping, address washout concerns and install fencing for pedestrian safety. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To authorize the use of \$1,300,000 of ARPA funding, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Water Commissioners, for the purpose of performing improvements to the Echo Lake Dam. Said amount to fall under lost revenue as previously voted. UNANIMOUS.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – April 25, 2022

- A. Senior Center New Hours – Effective today the Senior Center new hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- B. Milford Fire Department Grant – I have been informed by Fire Chief Mark Nelson the Milford Fire Department has been awarded a Grant in the amount of \$10,450.00 in funding from the Last Call Foundation. These funds will purchase a turnout gear dryer for the Birch Street Fire Station. The Fire Department now has a gear extractor and dryer at each fire station to remove contaminants and carcinogens after incidents. This Grant has no Town cost share. The Chief wants to recognize Deputy Fire Chief Michael DeTore for his efforts in seeking out and writing this Grant application.

- 7. The Board agreed to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Town Meeting Warrant as presented. UNANIMOUS.
- 8. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To renew the Second Hand/Antique Dealer & Pawnbroker Licenses for 2022 for Baza Jewelry and Gifts, Zelda's Closet, Nathan's Jewelers and TJ Café & Games. UNANIMOUS.
- 9. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To renew the Pool Table Licenses of 2022 for Fun Zone of Milford LLC d/b/a Pinz. UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To renew the Bowling Alley License of 2022 for Fun Zone of Milford LLC d/b/a Pinz. UNANIMOUS.
11. Eugene J. Dean of Fiesta Shows, Joseph Callery and Molly Auger were present to discuss their application for a Carnival Permit for a carnival to be held on August 11th through August 14, 2022 at the Milford High School. Mr. Callery said the School Committee approved the use of the High School for the carnival. He sent out 775 Notices to Abutters and received only three (3) negative complaints. They held a meeting at the High School last week for residents and put information on social media. There will not be any summer camps or summer school activities during the carnival days. He talked with the Police and Fire Chiefs. The funds generated from the Carnival will be used to pay for the July 4th Parade. Mr. Mazzuchelli said both the Police Chief and Fire Chief have concerns regarding traffic and emergency response times for this site. In 2009, during the water boil order, the Town passed out water at the High School and traffic was a “nightmare.” He said there will be noise, glare and possible vandalism of the site. He thinks the High School is the wrong place for a carnival. Mr. Walsh read a portion of the Police Chief’s letter stating the enormous crowds could be a safety concern. He also cited Deputy Chief Robbie Tusino’s Memo stating the ranking officer on site can call in additional Police Details and asked the applicant how he would deal with the added cost. He then said the Fire Chief Memo indicates traffic backup could affect emergency response times. His main concern is public safety. Mr. O’Loughlin asked Mr. Dean for the cost of the Police Details last year and Mr. Dean said they were \$7,000.00 to 8,000.00. Mr. O’Loughlin said he believes the Police Detail costs for the proposed High School site will be \$21,769.00. He said with traffic, it is difficult to move Police and Fire vehicles in this area. Godfrey Lane is “one way in and one way out”. There are issues with noise and littering. He cited Building Commissioner John Erickson’s Memo that a carnival is a prohibited use in a Residential area unless it is for a Municipal Use. He said public safety outweighs everything else. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To not approve the carnival at the Milford High School. UNANIMOUS.
12. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the resignation of Town Counsel Charles D. Boddy, Jr. as Town Counsel. UNANIMOUS.
13. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the resignation of Clerk Shannon Sanches. UNANIMOUS.
14. The Board reviewed an email from Cultural Council Chair, Geri Eddins, requesting the Board appoint Joclyn Crivello and Khizra Syeda to the Cultural Council. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Joclyn Crivello and Khizra Syeda to the Cultural Council. UNANIMOUS.

15. Mr. Mazzuchelli moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To affirm the decision of Town Administrator Villani to appoint former Town Counsel, Gerald Moody, as Acting Town Counsel, until a new Town Counsel is appointed by the Board. UNANIMOUS.
16. Mr. O'Loughlin asked the Town Administrator to schedule, for a future Agenda, a meeting with residents of Eugene Circle, Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli and Town Engineer Mike Dean to discuss the issue of the Town not accepting a portion of this development.
17. Mr. O'Loughlin asked the Town Administrator to schedule, for a future Agenda, a meeting to discuss considering hiring a Downtown Development Planner to work on improving the Downtown area as did neighboring Towns such as Hudson, Marlborough and Franklin.
18. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:58 PM.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Chairman

Michael K. Walsh

Paul A. Mazzuchelli